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RELATIVE TO TROOP AUGMENTATIONS
FEBRUARY, MARCH 1968

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
3 Feb	Message: General Wheeler reports conversation with a senior authority, during which he was requested to ask General Westmoreland "if there is any reinforcement or help that we can give you."
31 Jan-	A series of messages between Washington, Honolulu, Saigon, and Seoul relative to uncertainties in South Korea in view of the Pueblo seizure and raid by North Korean commandos on the official residence of the President.
8 Feb	Message: General Wheeler inquires: "Do you need reinforcements?" --- "We can provide the 82d Airborne Division and about one-half of a Marine Corps division...."
12 Feb	Message: General Westmoreland requests that "there be deployed immediately a Marine regiment and a brigade package of the 82d Abn Div and that the remaining elements of those two divisions be prepared to follow at a later time." (A specific request to deploy additional elements of these divisions was never made)

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23-25 Feb	Visit: General Wheeler visits Vietnam. During visit, an outline reinforcement plan is developed on the assumption reserves would be called up. General Wheeler personally brought plan back to Washington, where, over next several weeks, Joint Staff of Joint Chiefs of Staff, in coordination with military service staffs and HQ MACV, developed plan in detail. (Plan was prepared in light of a number of uncertainties at the time, namely: What were the North Vietnamese intentions and capabilities in the northern area? Would GVN hold firm? Would GVN move out on recovery effort to overcome damage inflicted by Tet offensive? Would Vietnamese Armed Forces move to the offensive? Would Vietnamese resume conscription and operations of military training installations and carry out general mobilization and expansion of Armed Forces? Would situation in Korea stabilize?)

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24 Mar	Meeting: General Wheeler flew out to meet General Westmoreland at Clark Air Base, Philippines, at the request of the President. Following this meeting, word was sent by General Westmoreland to the President through General Wheeler that the over-all situation was favorable-- the earlier uncertainties had largely disappeared, and no major additional reinforcements were required. General Westmoreland reported that he wanted to retain troops already received and would need combat support and combat service support troops to balance out the brigade of Army paratroopers and regiment of Marines received in February.
28 Mar	Message: General Westmoreland requests an augmentation of 13,500 additional troops and authority to hire additional civilian employees as trade-offs for military spaces. (Requests were subsequently approved.)